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INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF MAN FOR PURPOSES OF SOLICITING A JUVENILE FOR SEX ACTS

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Tuesday, December 4, 2018, detectives from the Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit obtained information that an adult male was communicating with a female, who was portraying herself as being under the age of 18, for the purposes of paying for sex acts. The detectives began an investigation and tracked down the adult male in the city of Riverside. He was contacted and identified as Thomas Borden, 61-years-old of Laguna Niguel.

Borden was later arrested and booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for charges of contacting a minor with the intent to commit a felony, arranging a meeting with a minor to commit lewd acts, and soliciting a minor for prostitution services.

During their investigation, detectives learned that Borden is employed by Riverside Community College and the Riverside Unified School District at Raincross High School. Appropriate notifications were made to both institutions.

"The District is extremely concerned by the allegations against Mr. Borden," stated RUSD spokesperson Justin Grayson. "Mr. Borden has been placed on administrative leave, as is consistent with law. However, under Education Code section 44940, if Mr. Borden is charged in court with a sex offense, the District immediately will place him on



mandatory unpaid leave of absence. At this time, we have no information suggesting wrongdoing in the school setting. Nevertheless, District personnel will continue to work with law enforcement and legal counsel, will ensure that a full investigation is conducted, and will provide support to any member of the District community that may be affected. When the facts are further clarified, the District will take further appropriate personnel action. Any teacher convicted of a sex offense is automatically terminated under Education Code section 44836."

Associate Vice-Chancellor Peggy Cartwright of RCC said "Pending an investigation, Mr. Borden has been placed on administrative leave effective immediately."

Detectives believe there may be additional victims who have not been identified or contacted yet. Anyone with information about this investigation is urged to contact Detective L. Blaszak at (951) 353-7205 or lblaszak@riversideca.gov.

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